do not block movement of other passengers.

Top priority to the Uni-gauge system

3483. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded top priority to the uni-gauge system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total distance of metre-gauge line in Southern Railway; and

(d) the names and the total distance of metre-gauge lines to be converted into broad-gauge line in Southern Railway during the year 1993-94 and those during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An action plan to convert selected MG / NG lines has been taken up under which 6000 kms of such lines are proposed for conversion in the 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) 4,333 kms.

(d) (i) The following sections are proposed to be opened during 1993-94:—

1. Tipture-Arsikere	30 kms.
2. Mount St. Thomas-Tambram	10 kms.
3. Arsikere-Chikjajur	114 kms.
4. Chikjajur-Chitradurg	34 kms.
	188 kms

(ii) The following lines are targetted for opening during the 8th Plan including 1993-94 subject to availability of resources:—

1. Challekere-Chikjajur	69 kms.
2. Bangalore-Yelahanka-Hubli	511 kms.
3. Madras-Trichy	390 kms.
4. Madurai-Tuticorin	134 kms.
	1104 kms

Constitution of Railway Recruitment Boards for Different Zones

3484. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure adopted in constituting Railway Recruitment Boards for different zones;

(b) whether any qualifications are fixed for the post of Chairman of the zonal Railway Recruitment Boards;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that some zonal Railway Recruitment Boards are indulging in malpractices;

(e) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in the last three years; and

(f) what are the details of such enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Chairmen and Member Secretaries are selected in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission and Assistant Secretaries from Group 'B' officers of the Railways.

(b) and (c) Serving or retired officers of the Central Government (including Railways) or State Governments, educationists eminent lawyers, other persons of standing including former Members of Parliament between 45

years and 62 years of age are eligible for appointment as Chairman, Railway Recruitment Board.

(d) A few complaints in this regard have been received.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Kalva Turbhe Railway Line in Maharashtra

3485. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer Unstarred Question 2215 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the agreement between CIDCO and Government of Maharashtra for the take over of the Kalva Turbhe Railway line in Konkan has been signed;

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The terms and conditions of Agreement to be executed for taking over are yet to be accepted by CIDCO/ State Government.

Appointment of a Dismissed Railway Employee

3486. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a dismissed Railway Employee and a tout doing blackmarketing of reservations has been appointed as a Member of the DRUCC of Central Railway, Nagpur;

(b) whether Government are aware of the criticism which the press media of Nagpur has done on this issue in October, 1992;

(c) whether this person is now using his new found position to do his blackmarketing of reservations with a demanded strength; and

(d) whether he will be immediately removed from this membership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A News Item had appeared in the Press media of Nagpur in September, 92 mentioning about wrongful activities of one of the members of DRUCC, Nagpur. A representation was also received in November, 92 from Rail Travellers' Service Agents Association against him. In the criminal case, cited in the said representation, the said person was acquited of the alleged charges of wrongful business in Railway tickets as per judgement delivered in January, 1986. No instance of his indulging in blackmarketing of reservations has come to notice.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

रेलवे परिसर में माल की तलाशी तथा उसे जब्त किया जाना

3487. **श्री राम रतन राम:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने 12 अक्तूबर, 1988 को केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक पत्र लिखा है, जिसमें रेलवे परिसर में माल की तलाशी तथा उसे जब्त करने के अधिकार की मांग की गई है;

(ख) उस पर केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा क्या निर्णय लिया गया है; और

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकार को उक्त अधिकार देने पर विचार कर रही है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से दिनांक 12.10.88 का एक पत्र प्राप्त हुआ था जिसमें उत्तर प्रदेश में बिक्री कर प्राधिकारियों को सिटी बुकिंग एजेंसियों के माध्यम से बुक